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**Subject: CEQA/NEPA Documents**

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Hello Gary.

We had a telephone conversation on Friday regarding the subject and the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Rail Line to Quebecor World, Inc. in Merced, CA.

The proposed 850-foot rail line would connect the Quebecor printing and distribution facility in Merced with BNSF's existing Stockton Subdivision mainline between Stockton and Bakersfield.

Regarding the preparation of environmental review documents for the project please consider that State and local agencies must use an env. doc. that was prepared and circulated for review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The following is a description of how to ensure env. docs. prepared pursuant to NEPA will also comply with CEQA:

For NEPA documents prepared prior to a CEQA document;

If the federal document comes first, state agencies may use the federal documents if they:

Either contain or are supplemented with a discussion of mitigation measures and growth-inducing impacts (§ 15221(a)(2)), and  
Are circulated consistent with CEQA requirements.

Please see the link below if you need additional info:

<http://ceres.ca.gov/ceqa/>

Or you can email me or call me at (559) 445-6071.

Thanks Gary.

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